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SUBJ: 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY--FIFTH COMMITTEE

SUMMARY:US, IN GENERAL, ACCOMPLISHED MAJOR PART OF ITS OBJECTIVES IN FIFTH COMMITTEE WITH EXCEPTION OF SALARY QUESTION AND RESULTING INCREASE IN MID-TERM REVISED ESTIMATES. WORKING RELATIONS WITH WEOZ GROUP WERE EXCELLENT AND SATISFACTORY WITH SOVIETS. END SUMMARY

1. IN FIFTH COMMITTEE, COORDINATION WITHIN WEO GROUP HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. IN INSTANCES WHEN GROUP HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ISSUE FULLY, IT WAS ABLE TO TAKE UNITED STAND. ON VARIOUS CUBAN PROPOSALS ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY AND INFLATION, FOR EXAMPLE, WEO GROUP STOOD FIRM WITH ONLY FEW MINOR VARIATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS. DIVERGENCES OF OPINION WITHIN WEO GROUP WERE EVIDENT ONLY ON QUESTION OF UN SALARY INCREASE AND ON SOME RELATIVELY MINOR ISSUES SUCH AS LOCATION OF SEAT OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

2. NON-ALIGNED GROUP RERELY ADOPTED BLOC POSITION WITHIN FIFTH COMMITTEE. ON CUBAN CURRENCY AND INFLATION ISSUES, MORE RADICAL MEMBERS WERE IN MINORITY IN SUPPORT OF CUBAN/SOVIET BLOC LINE. ON PERSONNEL QUESTIONS, THEY WERE QUITE REASONABLE AND IN GENERAL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEDED TO ARGUMENTATION ADOPTED BY UNITED STATES.

3. RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS. WITH SINGLE MAJOR EXCEPTION OF CUBAN INITIATIVE ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY AND INFLATION, WE HAVE NOT HAD MAJOR PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN LARGELY MATTERS OF INTERPRETATION AND DEGREE RATHER THAN OF PROFOUND NATURE. EVEN WHEN THESE DIFFERENCES WERE MAJOR, SUCH AS ON PERSONNEL ITEM, SOVIETS SHOWED SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY WHEN IT WAS APPARENT THAT THEIR VIEWS GAINED NO SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE.

4. LOSS OF VOTE ON INCREASING UN SALARY SCALE WAS VERY INSTRUCTIVE. WHILE REPORTS FROM CAPITALS INDICATED THAT LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES AGREED WITH UNITED STATES POSITION THAT NO INCREASE IN SALARY WAS JUSTIFIED, RESULTS OF VOTE ITSELF SHOWED HOW LITTLE THESE APPROACHES IN CAPITALS PAID OFF. WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT ON ISSUES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED "TECHNICAL", US HAS LITTLE TO GAIN FROM EXPANDING OUR CAPITAL IN CAPITALS.

5. ON UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONTINUE OPERATION AND ALSO IN MAINTAINING SPECIAL SCALE OF ASSESSMENT WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED UPON LAST YEAR. FURTHERMORE, WE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED ANY DECISION THAT SCALE WOULD BE REVISED IN 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ASSUMING THAT UNEF/UNDOF IS STILL IN EXISTENCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR MAJOR EFFORT TO REVISE EXISTING SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS AT 30TH SESSION. THIS PROPOSITION WILL PROBABLY COME FROM SEVERAL SIDES INCLUDING BRAZIL, SOME OF NONALIGNED, AND POSSIBLY SOVIET UNION (WHICH MAY ATTEMPT TO GET OUT FROM UNDER HEAVY EXPENSES INVOLVED IN PEACEKEEPING).

6. ON PERSONNEL POLICY QUESTIONS, FIFTH COMMITTEE TOOK SOME FAR-REACHING DECISIONS. COMMITTEE APPROVED RESOLUTION TABLED BY IRAN WHICH AUTHORIZED SECRETARY GENERAL TO PROCEED WITH NUMBER OF MAJOR PERSONNEL REFORMS. THIS WILL GO LONG WAY TOWARDS IMPROVING SECRETARIAT CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING. UNITED STATES SUCCEEDED IN ITS EFFORTS TO BLOCK IMPLEMENTATION OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION ON COMPOSITION OF SECRETARIAT. WE WERE CONVINCED THAT REPORT WOULD HAVE PLACED UNITED STATES OUT OF ITS "DESIRABLE RANGE" FOR PURPOSES OF RECRUITMENT. GUIDANCE GIVEN SECRETARY GENERAL BY FIFTH COMMITTEE FOR FIRST TIME REFERS TO USE OF RANGES AS "FLEXIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOOL OF MANAGEMENT." AT LEAST UNTIL 30TH SESSION, UNITED STATES WILL BE WITHIN ITS PERMISSIBLE RANGE HOWEVER, WE MUST EXPECT IN FUTURE EFFORT TO INCREASE MINIMUM RANGE FOR COUNTRIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE 0.02 PERCENT IN ASSESSMENTS. IF THIS INDEED OCCURS, UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION, ALONG WITH OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, WILL SUFFER LOSS OF POSTS WITHIN THEORETICAL RANGE. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE BOUGHT OURSELVES YEAR'S GRACE ON THIS QUESTION.

7. ON SUBJECT OF BUDGET MACHINERY, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUP TO STUDY QUESTION AND REPORT TO 30TH SESSION. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, WE SUCCEEDED IN INSERTING INTO MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP CONCEPT OF EVALUATION, WHICH WILL HELP US TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973. IF WORKING GROUP CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO IMPROVE PLANNING AND EVALUATION MACHINERY OF UN, RESULT COULD BE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN EFFECTIVENESS OF ORGANIZATION FOR LONG TERM.

8. WITH RESPECT TO PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION, FIFTH COMMITTEE AGREED TO ASK SECRETARY GENERAL TO REVIEW ORGANS WHICH NOW RECEIVE SUMMARY RECORDS AND TO TRY TO FIND WAYS OF CUTTING DOWN NUMBER. IF THIS MOVE LEADS ANYWHERE, IT MIGHT CUT DOWN PAPERWORK VERY SLIGHTLY.

9. IN AREA OF CONFERENCE SERVICES, FIFTH COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WHICH SHOULD, AS MINIMUM, ACT AS BUFFER BETWEEN SYG AND VARIOUS BODIES WHICH REQUEST EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF MEETINGS (FOTEN AT INSTIGATION OF US). NEW COMMITTEE MIGHT ALSO, HOPEFULLY, COME UP WITH FEW OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVE

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MENTS IN CONFERENCE SERVICING AREA.

10. ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE THIS YEAR WITH ONLY TWO REAL EXCEPTIONS (FINANCIAL IMPLICATION OF CHARTER REVIEW AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS). IT WAS ONLY ON LAST DAY OF SESSION THAT STOBY OF GUYANA MADE DIRECT ATTACK ON ACABQ, CALLING IT "POLITICALLY INSENSITIVE". HOWEVER, FOR TIME BEING COMMITTEE APPEARS TO HAVE WEATHERED 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT SERIOUS LOSS OF AUTHORITY.  
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